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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

Subcl N. (Amended) A multimodal polymer composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the polymerisation catalyst is a Ziegler-Natta catalyst.

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Remarks

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application. Claim 11 has been amended as shown above. The claims were amended to more fully clarify the invention. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Ahvenainen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,326,835 ("Ahvenainen"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.